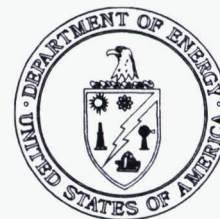


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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSES TO OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CERTIFICATION DESIGN LETTER AND
CERTIFICATION PROJECT SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE FORMER STORM WATER
RETENTION BASIN AREA**

- References: 1) Letter, J. Saric to J. Reising, "Storm Water Retention Basin Areas CDL and Certification PSP," dated July 6, 2006
- 2) Letter, T. Schneider to J. Reising, "Disapproval - CDL and Certification PSP for the Former SWRB Area," dated July 9, 2006

Enclosed for your approval are responses to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency comments on the draft Certification Design Letter and Certification Project Specific Plan for the Former Storm Water Retention Basin Area. This plan was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as noted in Reference 1. Upon approval, these comment responses will be incorporated into the final plan.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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